

Apalach<sup>a</sup> Nov. 15. 1839

Dr. A. Gray.

My dear Sir,

Yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> came yesterday, and also Proofs from Bijelaw up to p 442.

The Alabama grass is evidently of the Oryzaceae group, and very near Luziola, but apparently distinct. You see I have given it a name which, if you don't like, please try your own hand. I wish you would also insert it in the Synopsis, and to do this you will have to alter the three other genera somewhat. Put it in between Lizania & Hydrochloa.

Engelmann's grass I believe to come in here also, much better than in Chlorideae, but it's such a reduced thing we can only gues at it. None of my Chlorideae come within a mile of it, but I suppose we must put it there. Suppose you place it before Spartina. I hate to trouble you for this, but my Md being in Cambridge I cannot do it myself. The Character of the Tribe will have to be altered to receive it. If you prefer to put it in Oryzaceae you may do so on my respon

ibility and Englishmen may sell  
me as much as he likes. I have  
no time to confer with him about  
it.

I have been sick almost all the  
time since my return, and at the  
present sitting am not worth one  
of <sup>your</sup> Cambridge cents. I fear the printer  
will find me backward unless I  
feel better soon. But I have secured  
a basketful of Palmetto seeds for  
you which I will send by the first  
vessel for Boston unless you disig-  
nate some other course.

I want a French Microscope  
like yours. Can you tell me how to  
get it? I enclose graph &c  
and remain

Yrs sincerely  
A. W. Chapman